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## STARLING MOST USEFUL BIRD

Investigations Made by Department of Agriculture Show Its Value to the Farmer.

The starling has spread over all the Eastern states and is becoming more numerous every year. To determine whether the bird is useful as a destroyer of noxious insects, the biologists of the Department of Agriculture examined the stomachs of more than 2,000 adult starlings and about 300 nestlings. The adult birds feed virtually all day and eat incredible quantities of insect food.

The young starlings, which remain in the nest from 16 to 20 days after being hatched, are fed by their parents at intervals of three to six minutes throughout the day of 12 hours and obtain more than 2,000 meals before they leave the nest.

During the first four or five days their diet consists principally of caterpillars, the soft larvae of beetles, flies, etc., and of spiders. Later they feed on millipedes, grubs, grasshoppers, crickets and beetles. In the stomach of one young starling the remains of 26 clover-leaf weevils were found.—Popular Science Monthly

## TO PROTECT SAFES WITH GAS

New Scheme Evolved Which It Is Hoped Will Foil the Enterprising Burglar.

Burglars must soon add a gas mask to their tool kit. A device recently patented by R. C. Roeschel of Harrisburg, Pa., will make the cracking of safes a hazardous job unless the burglars are thoroughly protected by gas masks.

A number of glass containers are so arranged that they will break when the safe is tampered with or when an explosive mixture is set off to force the door open. The escaping gas works rapidly, and a few inhalations of a very small quantity of it will produce unconsciousness.

After being exposed to the fumes of the deadly gases there will be little chance left for the burglar to escape.—Popular Science Monthly.

## COURSES IN HOME READING.

Departments of education and state universities of 14 states are co-operating actively with the home-education division of the United States bureau of education in conducting home-reading courses. Upon the completion of any one of the 16 courses offered by the division, the reader receives a certificate signed by the United States commissioner of education and a representative of the extension department of the state university. The courses are given by the state authorities in Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

## PROFITS GIVEN TO SCIENCE.

Doctors Schamberg, Kolmer and Raizes of the Dermatological Research laboratories, who developed the drug arsphenamine, a substitute for salvarsan, when the latter could no longer be had from Germany, have donated to the laboratories the \$500,000 which was the profit from its sale during the war. In reporting this fact the Scientific American remarks:

"Once more American science has won a chemical victory and the domestic article, which was so sorely needed, was sold for one-third less than the greedy German manufacturers demanded, and now even the profits go to science."

## BALLOONS FOR TARGETS.

At the Camp Benning infantry school, somebody recently conceived the idea of using a rubber toy balloon for a target. It is inexpensive and when punctured by a rifle bullet would immediately collapse. It is believed an elastic dummy of this kind could be painted in such a manner as to closely resemble the human head. The infantry board plans to give the balloon a trial.

## Okolona Assured Baseball During Summer Months

At a meeting of representatives of Amory, Tupelo, West Point and Okolona held at Okolona Monday, June 13th, the Northeast Mississippi Amateur Baseball Association was organized, composed of the above named teams. A schedule was adopted whereby each team plays at home three days each week and three days away from home. Games will be played in Okolona on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The season will open Monday afternoon; Amory playing at Okolona.

Quite a nice amount has been pledged for the support of the team, but not as much as the management deems sufficient to support the team during the whole of the season. Admission will be charged to see the games, but this will not defray all expenses, and it is to be hoped that everyone interested in seeing Okolona win the flag contribute as much as is convenient to help attain that end.

## Girls' Auxiliary

The Girls' Auxiliary met with Miss Irene DeMerville Tuesday, June 14th. One new member was enrolled, making a total membership of twenty-two. Eighteen were present, including one visitor.

After the scripture reading and a beautiful lesson on Christian, we had a brief oral review on subjects already studied.

Four members volunteered to help in taking the religious census of the town Tuesday morning June 21.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess, after which we adjourned to meet June 28th with Misses Leona and Fredricka Dendy. Reporter.

## Human Temperature.

According to the hour of the day, man's temperature varies. It is lowest at about 3:30 o'clock in the morning, when it averages 97 degrees Fahrenheit; from then it gradually rises until it reaches a maximum of between 98 and 99 degrees Fahrenheit at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, after which it falls. This is the temperature of the armpit, which is always slightly lower than that inside the body.

## Dangerous Alarm Clock.

To prevent oversleeping, and thus risking the loss of their employment, the mail carriers of Morocco resort to a unique and perilous scheme. They tie a string to one foot, and, as they know how long a yard or two will burn, they regulate the length of the string by the time they have to sleep. They light the string, which burns slowly, and, when the fire comes to their foot, they are painfully reminded that it is time to arise.

## Softening Hides.

There are two simple ways of softening leather and raw skins. One is to rub in thoroughly neat's foot oil. Another way is to dissolve three ounces of alum, seven ounces of salt and one and one-half ounces saleratus in sufficient hot rain water to saturate the skin. When cool enough not to scald the hands soak the skin in it for 12 hours; wring out and hang up to dry. When dry repeat this operation two or three times until the skin is sufficiently soft.

## A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 50c.

## Columbian Woodmen Put on Good Show

Mr. W. G. Pavitt, lecturer for the Columbian Woodman was here Friday Night of last week and put on a show that has been very highly complimented by many who attended. One man called it a dollar and a half show and several others compared it favorably with the chautauqua numbers which has so recently visited the City.

Of course the Columbian Woodman are using this as an advertising campaign and we think a good one. The lectures, pictures and songs are so selected and arranged that they lead naturally to the subject to be advertised and send home the truths in such way as to be both pleasing and convincing. Mr. Pavitt is good in both song and impersonation as well as in giving his illustrated lectures.

He was accompanied here by Mr. W. R. Conrad, who with Mr. W. H. Hitt, the advance man, will remain here a few days and will explain to all who desire the workings of the Columbian Woodmen. They will be assisted by Mr. B. K. Foster.

## PROGRAM PRINCESS THEATRE

Monday, June 20th  
MABEL NORMAND  
in  
"JINX"

It is the best Mabel Normand picture yet.—better than "Mickey,"—better than "Upstairs"—and that's going some.

Tuesday, June 21st  
DOROTHY DALTON  
in  
"THE DARK MIRROW"  
A Paramount Picture

Wednesday, June 22nd  
ALICE BRADY  
in  
"THE NEW YORK IDEA"  
A Realart Production

Thursday, June 23rd  
ETHEL CLAYTON  
in  
"THE LADDER OF LIES"  
A Paramount Picture

Friday, June 24th  
SNUB POLLARD  
in  
"DON'T WEAKEN"  
also  
"THE KIDNAPPERS  
REVENGE"  
and  
WILLIAM DUNCAN  
in  
"FIGHTING FATE"

Saturday June 25th  
JUNE CAPRICE  
and  
CREIGHTON MALE  
in  
"A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS"  
One of the best comedy-dramas you have ever seen.  
Also a Gump Cartoon Comedy  
Matinee 3:15 Night 7:45  
10 & 20 cts 15 & 25 cts

## Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 50c.

## Well to Know the Worst.

Thirty thousand years ago, says a weekly journal, the seas around England were at a higher level than at present. It is difficult to know what can be done about it, but it is just as well that the matter should be mentioned.—London Punch.

## State of Mississippi, Chickasaw County, 2nd Judicial District

To Honorable Lee M. Russell, Governor, and The Pardoning Board of the State of Mississippi:

We, the undersigned citizens of said District, County and State, would respectfully show that Robert Johnson, Jr., in the Circuit Court of said District, County and State, at the October, 1920, term thereof was convicted of the crime of murder and the death sentence was imposed upon him and, whereas, we believe that the elements of manslaughter, entered largely into the facts of the case, and the said Robert Johnson having established an unusually good reputation for peace and good citizenship, previous to the commission of the offense we believe the death penalty is too severe and, for these reasons, we pray that his sentence be commuted to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of not exceeding ten years.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. B. Lacey, J. P.  
W. J. Williams,

Deputy Sheriff,  
J. C. Beasley, Sheriff,  
I. V. Abernethy,  
Representative,  
W. B. Gunn,  
and others.

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Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature E. W. GROVE, 50c.



## The Way to Happiness

Happiness is not a place. It is not a thing. It is a relation between things. We discover it most easily at the end of the path of daily unselfishness when we pass under the shining arch, "Help Another Every Day."

## Do a Good Turn Daily

Help the blind or feeble man to cross the street. Carry the packages home for that little old woman. Give a pleasant smile to the clerk who waits upon you. You will feel better and they will. Greet the world with a smile and it will smile back. Christianity is founded on love to others. Attend the church of your choice Sunday and discover by daily effort what the true measure of Christianity involves.

## OKOLONA BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Preaching, 11:00 A. M., and 8:00 P. M.

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We are meeting the new conditions with known, guaranteed clothes, made, bought and sold on the new price level.

Those that we offer you this Spring are as near to normal in dollar-for-dollar value as clothes can be made today.

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These are America's known clothes of medium price. When prices were on the up grade, Styleplus quality and tailoring were steadily improved in keeping with the increased cost. Now that such prices as \$25, \$30 and \$35 are again possible, this heightened quality is maintained and guaranteed. Finer than ever, yet lower priced. Exceptional value!

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